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An Act to incorporate the New York Society for relief of Widows and Orphans of Medical Men. Passed, April 18, 1848.

THE PEOPLE of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Sec. 1. Edward Delafield, Francis U. Johnston, John Revere, Isaac Wood, Henry D. Bulkley, and such other persons as now are, or may hereafter be, associated with them, are hereby constituted a body corporate, by the name of the "The New York Society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of Medical Men."

Sec. 2. The objects of said Society are benevolent, and to afford relief to the Widows and Orphans of Medical Men.

Sec. 3. The said corporation may purchase and hold real and personal estate; but the annual income of the said real and personal estate, which the said corporation may at any one time hold, shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.

Sec. 4. All the affairs, concerns, and business of the Society shall be managed and conducted by or under the direction of the following officers, to wit: a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and twenty-one Managers, who shall be elected annually by the members of the Society, in such manner and at such time and place, in the city of New York, as the Society, by its By-Laws, may direct. And, until the first Thursday in October next, after the passage of this Act, the following-named persons shall compose the officers of the Society: that is to say, Edward Delafield, President; Francis U. Johnston, John Revere, and John Sterns, Vice-Presidents; Isaac Wood, Treasurer; James C. Bliss, Henry D. Bulkley, William P. Buel, George

P. Camman, Thomas Cock, Joel Foster, John H. Griscom, Alexander H. Gunn, Richard R. Hoffman, Abraham Hunter, Moore Hoit, Jared Linsly, James McDonald, John B. McEwen, William W. Miner, Valentine Mott, Willard Parker, Alfred C. Post, J. Kearney Rodgers, Hugh Sweeney, and James A. Washington, Managers.

SEC. 5. The said corporation shall possess the general powers and be subject to the general restrictions and liabilities prescribed in the third title of the eighteenth chapter of the first part of the Revised Statutes.

Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect immediately.

LAWS

OF THE

NEW YORK SOCIETY

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MEDICAL MEN.

CHAPTER I.

QUALIFICATIONS AND ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Section 1. The Society shall consist of Physicians and Surgeons, residing in New York, Kings, Richmond, and Westchester counties, holding regular licenses to practice, under the laws of the State of New York; and of Physicians and Surgeons in the Army and Navy of the United States.

SEC. 2. Every person desirous of becoming a member of the Society, shall sign a declaration, stating his wish, and setting forth his place of abode, whether he is single or married, and, if any, the number, names, and ages of his children.

To this declaration shall be annexed a certificate signed by at least two members of the Society, vouch-

ing for the good character and standing of the applicant.

The candidate, thus recommended, shall be proposed at one meeting of the Board of Managers, and balloted for at the next; and in every notice to attend such meetings, the names of the persons to be balloted for shall be expressed.

SEC. 3. At the annual general meeting of the Society, candidates may be proposed and balloted for at the same meeting.

SEC. 4. All except life-members shall be required to pay an initiation fee of ten dollars; and also two semiannual contributions, of five dollars each—one to be paid on the 1st of January, the other on the 1st of July. When a member pays his initiation fee at any other time than the periods for the payment of the semi-annual dues, he may at his option date his membership from the period preceding or succeeding the time of payment.

SEC. 5. The sum of one hundred dollars, paid at one time, within three months after the date of his election, shall constitute the subscriber a member for life, and exempt him from future payments.

SEC. 6. A member who is an annual contributor of ten dollars, shall not be called upon (unless by his own desire) to pay the said contribution for a longer time than twenty years; and when the said term of twenty years is expired, he shall be a member for life.

Sec. 7. Any member may, within ten years after his admission, become a member for life, by making up the sum of his subscription to one hundred and twenty-five dollars, exclusive of his initiation fee.

Sec. 8. Every annual contributor, who shall marry oftener than once, shall pay one year's contribution extraordinary on every such marriage.

Sec. 9. If any member remove out of the limits of the Society, or relinquish the practice of medicine, he shall not thereby be deprived of any of the rights, privileges, or benefits of membership.

Sec. 10. No person shall be admitted a member of this Society who publicly advertises any medicine as a secret, or publicly advertises to cure any disease.

CHAPTER II.

BENEFACTORS.

Sec. 1. The payment of one hundred and fifty dollars by any person, shall constitute such person a benefactor of the Society.

Any member of the medical profession thus contributing, on being duly proposed and approved of by ballot, shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits of lifemember-ship.

Sec. 2. Any life-member may constitute himself a benefactor by the payment of the additional sum of fifty dollars.

CHAPTER III.

DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. Any person having omitted to make three halfyearly payments of his dues, for two calendar months after the third half-yearly payment shall have become due, ceases, *ipso jacto*, to be a member of the Society and all sums which he has paid shall be forfeited; but the Board of Managers may, at their discretion, restore such person to the privileges of membership, upon his making payment of all arrears of dues, with the interest thereon.

SEC. 2. If any member shall publicly advertise any medicine as a secret, or countenance the same by publicly recommending it, or publicly advertise to cure any disease, the Board of Managers, having had due proof thereof, shall order the Secretary to deliver or cause to be delivered to him personally, or at his usual place of abode, a copy of the Laws of the Society, and also a written notice, setting forth that unless he discontinue such practice within three months from the service of said notice, he shall be subjected to removal from the Society; and if, after the expiration of the time allowed, the Board of Managers shall receive sufficient evidence that the notice has been duly served, and that the said member has not discontinued his empirical practice, he shall cease, ipso facto, to be a member, and forfeit all right, title, and claim to any portion of the funds, property, or benefits of the Society.

CHAPTER IV.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. A general meeting of all the members shall be held on the last Wednesday in November in every year. And, three days at least previously to such meeting, a notice shall be sent by the Secretary to each member of the Society residing within its limits; and the

said general meeting shall also be advertised in two or more of the public daily newspapers.

Order of Business.

- Sec. 2. Fifteen members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- 1. Reading the minutes of the last regular general meeting, and of all special general meetings, and the question thereon.
 - 2. Reading the minutes of the Board of Managers.
 - 3. Business proposed by the Board of Managers.
 - 4. Business proposed by Special Committees.
 - 5. Proposal and election of members.
- 6. At the meeting in November, the election of the following officers of the Society, viz. a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and seven Managers.
- Sec. 3. The President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, shall, ex-officio, be members of the Board of Managers.

CHAPTER V.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

- Sec. 1. The Board shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and twenty-one Managers.
- Sec. 2. The Managers shall be divided into three classes of seven each; each class in rotation shall go out of office at the general meeting in November, and their places shall be supplied at the election which then takes place; but such Managers shall be re-eligible at the pleasure of the Society.

SEC. 3. Any vacancies which may occur by death or resignation in the Board of Managers, between two annual elections, may be filled by the Board at a regular quarterly meeting.

Sec. 4. A meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held four times in every year, viz. on the third Wednesdays of March, June, September, and December.

Order of Business at the Quarterly Meetings of the Board of Managers.

- Sec. 1. Seven members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to transact business.
- 1. At the meeting in December, reading the minutes of the last annual general meeting.
- 2. Minutes of special general meetings held since the last quarterly meeting.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting of Managers, and the question thereon.
- 4. Minutes of the Standing Committee, and question thereon.
- Reading of applications and recommendations of new candidates.
- Candidates balloted for: and no candidate shall be deemed elected unless he have the affirmative votes of three-fourths of the members present.
- Occasional applications for relief received and acted upon.
- 8. At the meeting in June, a Committee of five members (two of whom may be of the Board of Managers) shall be chosen to audit the accounts of the Treasurer;

and at the same meeting, the Stewards of the Anniversary Dinner shall be elected.

- At the quarterly meeting in September, the Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer shall make their report.
- 10. At the meeting in December in each year, the election of Secretary shall take place, and at the same meeting two members of the Board of Managers shall be chosen, who, with the President, shall constitute the Standing Committee.
- 11. At the meeting in December, the annual declarations of those whose claims on the Society have already been approved, shall be read, considered, and the appropriations made.
- Fill vacancies in the Board of Managers, if any exist.
 - 13. Miscellaneous business.
- Sec. 2. All motions shall be made in writing, if required by the chair.
- Sec. 3. No member shall speak more than twice on any motion, unless by special permission from the chair.
- Sec. 4. All elections shall be by ballot, and be decided by a majority.
- Sec. 5. The Board of Managers shall have power to hold meetings by adjournment, appoint extraordinary meetings, and call extraordinary general meetings of the Members of the Society, notices being served in the same manner as for regular annual meetings.
- Sec. 6. On the written requisition of any five Managers an extraordinary meeting of the Board of Managers shall be called by the Secretary on some day to be fixed

by the President, within fourteen days after the date of said requisition.

Sec. 7. A general list of the members of the Society shall be published once a year, together with a statement of the affairs of the Society. This statement to be a summary of the receipts and disbursements, as well as the balance in treasury; it shall not, however, give the names of parties receiving aid from this Society, while it gives the facts.

Sec. 8. No resolution tending to alter or repeal any law shall be valid, until approved at one quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers, and confirmed at the next, by a majority of at least three-fourths of the members present, at each of the said meetings.

CHAPTER VI.

PRESIDENT.

Sec. 1. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers, appoint all committees, not otherwise ordered, give the casting vote, and perform such other duties as appertain to his office.

CHAPTER VII.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

In the absence of the President, his duties shall be performed by the Vice-President in the order of rank.

CHAPTER VIII.

SECRETARY.

SEC. 1. The Secretary shall be elected annually by the

Board of Managers, from their own number. He shall notify officers and members of their election, give notice of the metings of the Society, and of the Board of Managers; shall attend all meetings of the Society, of the Board, and of the Standing Committee, and shall enter into books kept for the purpose, the minutes of the transactions of each meeting, shall receive all applications made to the Society for relief, and give notice of the same to the Standing Committee and to the next quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers; and as soon as any sum or sums of money shall be ordered to be paid to applicants, or to those persons who are properly authorized to receive the same, he shall inform them by letter of the exact time and place when and where the Treasurer will be ready to make such payments; and transact such other business in his office as may be directed by the Society or Board of Managers.

CHAPTER IX.

TREASURER.

Sec. 1. Before the Treasurer enters upon the duties of his office, he shall give a bond to the Society, with two sufficient sureties, in a sum of not less than five thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in him.

Sec. 2. He shall collect the dues from members, the interest of all moneys of the Society loaned on bond and mortgage, and the dividends on all stocks held by the Society.

SEC. 3. He shall have power to employ a person to

collect the annual dues, at a compensation of five per cent. on the sums collected.

Sec. 4. He shall pay all orders drawn on him by a resolution of the Society and signed by the presiding officer, and all drafts of the Standing Committee made in conformity with the provisions of the By-Laws.

Sec. 5. He shall attend all meetings of the Standing Committee, when notified to do so, shall give in writing a statement of moneys received and disbursed, to the Standing Committee at their regular meetings, and oftener, if required.

Sec. 6. He shall be required to submit to the Managers, at their regular meeting in September of every year, the names of all members who shall have forfeited their membership.

Sec. 7. He shall deliver up when legally called upon to do so, all moneys, bonds, papers, books, &c., belonging to the Society, to his successor in office, or to any other person especially appointed to receive them.

CHAPTER X.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

SEC. 1. The President and two Managers shall constitute the Standing Committee, which shall hold stated quarterly meetings.

SEC. 2. All applications for relief shall be first referred to the Standing Committee, who shall inquire into the circumstances of all who may apply for assistance, and, through the Secretary, report their cases to the Board of Managers.

SEC. 3. They shall give drafts upon the Treasurer to

all persons who shall be authorized by the Board of Managers to receive assistance from the Society, and no payment shall be made for such purpose without such draft.

Sec. 4. In eases where applications are made to the Standing Committee, during the recess of the Society, and if on examination it shall appear that the applicant or applicants are entitled to relief by the By-Laws, and that the circumstances of the case are such as to require immediate assistance, it shall be lawful for them to make an advance, not to exceed twenty-five dollars, to meet such emergency, and draw upon the Treasury for the same; they shall report in writing to the Board of Managers at the next meeting thereof, the amount thus advanced, and the name and circumstances of the persons relieved.

SEC. 5. The Standing Committee shall invest all the funds of the Society, and no change of investments shall be made except by their order; and they shall sign all satisfaction pieces and discharges.

CHAPTER XI.

DISPOSITION OF FUNDS.

Sec. 1. The funds of the Society shall be invested in stocks of the United States or of the State and city of New York, and in bonds and mortgages on real estate in the cities of New York and Brooklyn, and in no other mode.

Sec. 2. All payments constituting members for life, all initiation fees, and all benefactions and legacies, shall at all times be added to the capital stock of the Society,

unless a contrary disposition of them be directed by the benefactors or testators.

CHAPTER XII.

PROPER SUBJECTS OF RELIEF.

- Sec. 1. The widow of a member of this Society having no child, and who has no estate, salary, or other provision, exceeding altogether the yearly value of two hundred dollars, is eligible to receive such assistance from this Society annually, as the Board of Managers shall believe the state of the funds will permit; if such widow shall marry again, her annuity shall cease, unless the Board of Managers think proper to continue it.
- Sec. 2. The widow of a member of this Society, who is left with a child or children under fourteen years of age, entirely or in part dependent on such widow for support, and who has no estate, salary or other provision exceeding the yearly value altogether of fifty dollars for each child respectively, in addition to the two hundred mentioned in the preceding section, is eligible to receive such additional assistance from this Society, annually, as the Managers shall direct.
- SEC 3. The orphan of a member of this Society under sixteen years of age who has no estate, salary, of other provision, exceeding the yearly value altogether of one hundred dollars, is eligible to receive such assistance annually as the Managers shall direct.
- Sec. 4. If any member at his death, leave neither widow nor child, but a widowed mother dependent on him for support, or a sister above the age of fifty

years, who had lived with him for at least three years, and was living with him at the time of his death, and dependent on him for support, such widowed mother or such sister shall be deemed eligible to receive assistance from the funds of the Society, at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

Sec. 5. No one shall receive any assistance from the funds of this Society, unless the person from whom they claim was a member at the time of his death, and had been a member two years at least previously to his decease.

Sec. 6. Although the general intention of the Society is to relieve the widows and children of medical men, yet it shall be lawful for the Board of Managers to allow such temporary relief as they shall deem necessary, in case any member shall become incapacitated from attending to his business, and require aid.

CHAPTER XIII.

APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF.

SEC. 1. All applications for relief from the Society must be made by letter to the 'Secretary; stating the name and age of the parties applying; the name and relationship of the member through whom they become qualified to receive relief; and the circumstances which make assistance necessary. The applications having been examined by the Standing Committee, must be reported to the Board of Managers at their next quarterly meeting.

Sec. 2. All persons whose claims on the Society shall have been allowed, and who are desirous of receiving

regular assistance from its funds, must send to the Secretary early in the month of November of each year, the declaration set forth in the Appendix, properly filled up; such declaration must be verified by affidavit, and must be signed by two members of the Society, if the applicant reside within its limits; and if beyond these, the applicant if a widow, or if an orphan or orphans their guardian or nearest friend, must make affidavit of the truth of the statement therein contained, before an officer legally qualified to administer oaths in the county or district in which he or she resides; or shall procure the signature of a respectable elergyman in the town in which he or she may reside, as to his belief in the truth of such declaration.

Sec. 3. All sums of money granted by the Board of Managers, shall be paid within twenty days after such sums are voted, by the Treasurer, to the parties who are properly authorized to receive the same.

Sec. 4. All annuities shall be paid in two equal semiannual payments.

CHAPTER XIV.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

Sec 1. A dinner by the members of the Society shall be held in the month of November in every year.

Sec. 2. The expenses of the Anniversary Dinner shall be paid by the proceeds of the tickets issued for the same.

Sec. 3. A general statement of the affairs of the So-

ciety shall be made upon this occasion, and especially the amount expended by the Society for ordinary expenditures, other than the sums granted to relieve applicants under its By-Laws.

APPENDIX.

THE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONS DESIROUS OF RECEIVING REGULAR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND.

To the Managers of the New-York Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans.

MRS.

Years of Age

resident at

hereby maketh declaration, that she still continues the Widow of

late Member of this Society, having never since been married to any other person; that she has

children under fourteen years of age, now living and unprovided for, namely, [Here state the names and ages of the children, and their present situation.]

That she has no estate, salary, or other provision whatever from any source, except

which, taken together, do not produce more than

per annum, and therefore she is still under the necessity of presenting her claims to the Society.

(Signed.)

[Date and Residence.]

N. B. If the applicant reside either in New York or Kings, Richmond, or Westchester counties, this dec-

laration must be certified by the signatures of two members of the Society; and if beyond these limits, affidavit of the truth of such declaration must be made before an officer legally qualified to administer oaths in the county or district in which the applicant resides; or the signature of a respectable elergyman in the town in which she may reside, as to his belief in the truth of such declaration.

The BOARD OF MANAGERS have the power of requiring this declaration to be verified by the affidavit of the claimant.

CERTIFICATE.

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, certify, that we_believe the above declaration to be strictly true.

Dated

(Signed.)

WIDOWS and the Guardians of ORPHANS are requested particularly to take Notice, that it is necessary that a Renewal of their Declaration and Certificate, regularly signed as above directed, be sent to the SECRETARY, on or before the Second WEDNESDAY in the Month of November, in every year; in default of which, no Widow or Orphan can receive assistance from the Board of Directors, who meet in December.

N. B. With the FIRST Application for Relief there must be sent a copy of the marriage certificate or other

satisfactory evidence of marriage of the widow with the deceased member; evidences of the ages of the children under fourteen years; and also the certificate of the decease and burial of the person.

BENEFACTORS

By the payment of \$150, or upwards.

Coekroft, Wm., M.D.
Delafield, Edward, "
Detmold, Wm., "
Gescheidt, Anthony, "
McDonald, Allan.

Mercer, Wm. N., N. Orleans, M. D. Trimble, Geo. T. Ward, Thomas, M.D. Ward, A. II.

LIFE MEMBERS

By the payment of \$100, or upwards.

M. D. Harsen, Jacob, Adams, John G., M. D. Hubbard, S. T., Anderson, James, Isaacs, Chas. E., *Arden, Jno. B., Linsly, Jared. *Barker, Luke, Maynard, Elias F., Beadle, Edw'd L., Beales, John C; McNeven, Wm. H., *McDonald, Jas . Bedford, G. S., Metcalfe, Jno T., Mott, Valentine, Bliss, Jas. C., Olliffe, Wm. J., Buel, Wm. P. Parker, Willard. Borrowe, J. H., Cammann, G. P., Stevens, Alex. H., Carter, Galen, Carter, Jno. S., Taylor, Isaac E., Van Rensselaer, Alex., Delafield, Edward, Dubois, Abraham, Wood, Isaac, Gibert, Jas. T., Griscom, Jno. H., Woodward, Geo. F ..

MEMBERS

By the annual payment of \$10.

Blakeman, Wm. N.,	M. D.	Nichols, Elias S.,	M. D.					
Brown, H. Weeks,	**	Ogden, Benjamin,						
*Campbell, Jas.,	44	Pinckney, N., U.S. N.						
*Chapin, John R.,		Power, William,						
Clements, Jas. W. G.,		Reese, D. M.,						
Corson, Jno. W.,	**	*Revere, Jno.,						
Crane, James,	6.6	Rockwell, Wm.,						
*Creveling, Abram.,	. 6	*Rodgers, J. Kearny.	**					
Foster, S. Conant,	44	Sayre, Lewis A.,						
Garrish, Jno. P.,		Smith, David,						
*Graham, Jno.,	4.5	Smith, Chas. D.,						
Gray, F. C.,		*Stearns, Jno.,						
Greene, Isaac,		Stillwell, Jno. E.,						
Gunn, Alex. N.,	4.	Storer, Ebenezer,						
Harris, Stephen R.,	4+	Sweeny, Hugh,						
Hoffman, Richd. K.,	64	Trenor, Jno.,						
*Hunter, A. T.,	er	Tuttle, Jno. C.,						
Jarvis, Aaron,	**	Vankleek, Jno. R.,	**					
Johnston, F. U.,	**	*Washington, Jas. A.,						
McClelland, C. R.,	+4	White, Oliver,						
McPhail, Leonard,	44	White, S. P.,						
Miner, Wm. W.,	+4	Williams, M. W.,						
Miner, Wm.,	**	Worster, Joseph,						
Morris, Richd. L.,	**	Wright, Aron,						
* Deceased.								







